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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: PRESS REPORTS KISSINGER PLAN

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- 1. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PRESS SPECULATION ON OFFICIAL GREEK REACTION TO SOVIET PROPOSAL, ATHENS NEWSPAPERS OVER WEEKEND REPORTED SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN URGING ACCEPTANCE OF HIS OWN PLAN FOR SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. ONE NEWSPAPER DESCRIBED KEY ELEMENTS OF ALLEGED KISSINGER PLAN WHICH WAS VIEWED AS COUNTER PROPOSAL TO SOVIET INITIATIVE.
- 2. IN REPORTING AMERICAN FACTOR IN LATEST CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS, AVQHI (COMMUNIST) AND AKROPOLIS (TRADITIONALLY RIGHTIST) NOTED THAT THROUGH EFFORTS OF DR. KISSINGER U.S. HAS BEEN SOUNDING OUT GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRIOT GOVERMENTS IN CONNEICTION WITH "NEW CYPRUS PLAN." TO VIMA (CENTER/LEFT) PURSUED SUBJECT WITH BANNER HEADLINE "KISSINGER COUNTERS RUSSIAN PLAN-PROMISES RESTRICTIONS ON TURKISH CLAIMS". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARTICLE OBSERVED THAT WHILE GOG REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED "IN

PRINCIPLE" SOVIET PROPOSAL AND FM MAVROS MAY REPLY TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR YESHOV AUGUST 26, A NEW INITIATIVE, THE "KISSINGER PLAN," WAS REPORTED FROM NEWSPAPER'S NICOSIA CORRESPONDENT. KISSINGER PLAN ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE IN NOCISIA REPORTEDLY PROVIDES FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS, ADJUSTMENT OF TURKISH OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND TIME TABLE FOR DEPARTURE OF TURKISH TROOPS. PLAN WOULD ALSO ENVISAGE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF DUAL AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS AND SET UP PRECONDITIONS FOR RETURN OF REFUGEES.

3. COMMENT: TO VIMA'S DISCLOSURE OF REPORTED
"KISSINGER PLAN" WHICH RECEIVED BENIGN PRESS COVERAGE
FROM USUALLY CRITICAL NEWSPAPERS, MAY REFLECT EFFORT TO
UPSTAGE SOVIET PROPOSAL BY SHOWING GREECE HAS OTHER
POSSIBILITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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